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To VIKTOR[1].

According to information from "KIT"[ii] of the steamship "ENTHUSIAST", the inspector of the People's Commissariat of the Fishing Industry in SEATTLE, PROTAENKO A.E.[iii] is in touch with suspect elements. He has friendly relations with an interpreter of the TUD plant[iv] -- Boris KORVIN[v], whom we suspect of being in touch with the COMPETITORS [KOMKURENTY][vi]. PROTAENKO is a frequent guest at his place and has [5 groups unrecoverable] visits also the interpreter VINOGRADOV[vii], [2 groups unrecoverable] to "[O% RYZh][2 groups unrecoverable]"[viii] reported that PROTAENKO visited the dock area beyond the limits of what is necessary for business

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Comments:

- [1] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] KIT: i.e. "WHALE", unidentified cover-name.
- [iii] PROTAENKO: Aleksei Erel'yevich PROTAENKO.
- [iv] The TUD Shipyards in SEATTLE.
- [v] KORVIN: Also known as Bolaslav John WRZESINSKI, Bolaslav John CORVIN.
- [vi] KOMKURENTY: Members of a non-Soviet Intelligence Organization.
- [vii] VINOGRADOV: Nicholas VINOVO, formerly VINOGRADOV, employed at the Lake Washington Shipyard, Broughton, Washington.
- [viii] RYZh.....: If correct, this would be the first occurrence of this partially recovered unidentified cover-name.
- [ix] KHARON: Grigoriy Markovich KHEIFETS, Soviet Vice-Consul in SAN FRANCISCO.

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